Economic Survey of the Binny Mills conducted by Industrial Development India

259. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Development Bank of India has conducted an economic survey of the Binny Mills and found that it is no longer viable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has been contested by the President of the Trade Union which controls the workers of the Binny Mills; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) A viability Study conducted by the Industrial Development Bank of India has found the B & C Mills, Madras to be non-viable according to normal parameters of viability.

(b) Government have not received any communication from the President of Trade Union contesting the viability study.

(c) Does not arise.

260. [*Transferred to the 3rd August, 1984*].

Regulation of Casual Labourers in Ministry of Commerce

261. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual labourers in his Ministry and its offices|departments|subordinate offices| attached offices who have been made regular during the last three years year-wise;

(b) what is the number of casual workers who have been working for more than two years and have not been made regular and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any time bound programme for making them regular; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The casual workers appointed after 20-3-1979 can be made regular if they have been recruited through the Employment Exchange and fulfil all other eligibility conditions such as age limits, educational qualifications etc. for appointment and happen to be in the service of the Government for a minimum of 2 years with at least 240 days of service as daily wage workers during each of the years provided suitable vacancies exist to accommodate them.

Offices under the Ministry of Commerce Housed in Rented Buildings

262. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various offices|subordinate offices| departments under his Ministry are in the rented buildings in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) what are the names of such offices and monthly rent being paid for such accommodation;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not taken any steps to shift such offices from rented buildings to Government buildings; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what steps have been taken so far to shift these offices from rented buildings to lessen the burden on the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF